



MEHA/MFPA Winter Education Conference
January 29, 2026
 Plymouth Community Center

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| 7:45 – 8:30 am | Registration and Networking |
| 8:30 – 8:50 am | <i>Welcome, Announcements, & Committee Introductions</i> Kyle Johnsen, MEHA President |
| 8:50 – 9:40 am | <i>Climate Change in Minnesota</i> Kenneth Blumenfeld Senior Climatologist, Minnesota State Climate Office |
| 9:40-10:20 am | BREAK and Poster Presentations Check out the student research posters and VOTE for your favorite |
| 10:20 – 11:10 am | <i>Diamond Schrumz and Not-So-Magic Mushrooms</i> Alida Sorenson Minnesota Department of Agriculture |
| 11:10 – 12:00 pm | <i>Mussels and Water Treatment</i> George Kraynick City of Minneapolis- Public Works |
| 12:00 – 1:00 pm | LUNCH in the Plymouth Room MFPA Business Meeting: Cedar Room |
| 1:00 – 1:10 pm | <i>Presentation of Scholarships</i> MEHA Scholarship Committee |
| 1:10 – 2:00 pm | <i>Commercial Kitchens</i> John Krumheuer MSP Kitchenery |
| 2:00 – 2:50 pm | <i>From Corporate to Corner Store: Retail Food Safety Practices in Small Businesses and How They Compare with Large Brands</i> Carrie Rigdon AFDO |
| 2:50 – 3:20 pm | BREAK |
| 3:20 – 4:10 pm | <i>Panel Discussion: Genetic Advancements and Food Safety</i> In progress Organization |
| 4:10 pm | Closing Remarks and Poster Contest Winner Announcement |
| <i>Join us for a networking happy hour!</i> Location to be determined | |